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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THE INITIATION OF DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN US AND DANISH MILITARY PERSONNEL LEADING TO
THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT ON COLLOCATED OPERATING
BASES (COB). MFA'S NATO SECTION CHIEF TORBEN FROST
SUGGESTED THAT MAAG OFFICERS HERE WORK OUT WITH DANISH
MILITARY AUTHORITIES A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DATE FOR A
VISIT BY A USAF TEAM. (THIS IS BEING DONE.)

2. FROST BELIEVED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN
REACHING A BI-LATERAL AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER BUT
WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER A FORMAL AGREEMENT WOULD, IN FACT,
BE NECESSARY. HIS OFFHAND JUDGMENT WAS THAT THE LESS
FORMAL AND PUBLICLY VISIBLE THE WHOLE QUESTION CAN BE
KEPT THE BETTER, AS FAR AS DANISH PUBLIC OPINION WAS
CONCERNED.

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3. FROST ALSO OBSERVED THAT BECAUSE OF DANISH SENSITIVITIES IT WOULD BE BETTER TO USE ANOTHER WORD BESIDES "BASE" AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING A SIMILAR AGREEMENT THAT THE US MIGHT ALREADY HAVE CONCLUDED WITH NORWAY.
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